

SEA GULLS' EGGS.

They Are Good to Eat and Taste Like Plovers' Eggs.

"I'd like to have a mess of gulls' eggs now," said the epicure. "They beat a hen's egg all to pieces, and nine people out of ten eat gull eggs for plovers' eggs and don't know the difference."

"England from March to May there are hundreds of men who make a living by gathering gulls' eggs and selling them on the public for plovers' eggs. The fens and salt marshes of the English coast are as valuable on account of the gulls' nests as vineyards or orchards. These fens rent at a high rate, and keepers protect the eggs from thieves the same as keepers on noblemen's estates keep out poachers."

"Early in March the gulls pair. They lay their eggs in the salt marshes in a hollow or a tuft of grass. The nests in the best marshes touch. You can't take a step without crushing eggs under foot. These eggs, olive colored, speckled with green and gray, sell at wholesale for 7 cents apiece. They are called plovers' eggs."

"Each nest has, as a rule, three eggs. When the first set is taken from her the female bird lays another set, and if this one is taken too she lays a third set, which is always left to her to hatch, or otherwise she and her kind would never return to the marsh again. Many of the owners of these marshes make \$2,500 apiece in the spring by selling for plovers' eggs their gulls' egg harvest."—New York Press.

THE SALESWOMAN.

Work and Pay of the Girl Behind the Counter.

Promotion is very slow in a department store. A girl may enter a store at \$6 a week and, after five or six or seven years, receive an advance of \$1 a week if she puts up a pretty stiff fight and is a valuable saleswoman.

Her work is not the dull grind it might be supposed. The hours are long, it is true, but the continual procession of humanity which files before her lends interest and a certain kind of excitement to every hour. Human nature is wonderfully facile in its disclosures, and the shopgirl who has two ideas in her head and keeps her wits about her very soon learns the difference between the real lady and the spurious article. She learns to know at a glance whether her customer is likely to order a box of hairpins or a spool of thread sent home, miles away, by the delivery wagon, or it may be high priced goods ordered to be sent C. O. D. to a locality which does not contain a residence street. These a girl quietly replaced on a shelf one day and to my inquiring look replied, "The regular expected to pay for those things, but she felt ashamed to have taken up so much of my time without buying anything. Oh, yes, it often happens, but we soon know how to 'em up'."—Mary Rankin Cranston in The World Today.

Lapis Lazuli.

Lapis lazuli, a precious stone used on Friday evening.

zine, comes from various parts of Asia and has usually specks of yellow or white iron pyrites, which some believe to be gold or silver. The fine blue color for painting called ultramarine is made from lapis lazuli by grinding it into powder and purifying it from pyrites and other substances which are mixed with it in its natural state. As painters know well, this color is now difficult to obtain genuine since a mode of making it artificially has been discovered by chemists. The difference in price is great. The artificial cannot be distinguished from the real by even the most careful chemical tests, the only means of detecting the former being by the microscope, which shows the absence of the sparkling particles of the broken stone from which the real ultramarine is never free.

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Birds as Workers.

Birds can and do work far harder than human beings. A pair of house martins when nesting will feed their young on an average once in twenty seconds—that is, each bird, male and female, makes ninety journeys to and fro in a hour, or, perhaps, 1,000 a day. It must be remembered that on each journey, the bird has the added work of catching an insect. Even so tiny a bird as the wren has been counted to make 110 trips to and from its nest within 480 minutes, and the prey it carried home consisted of insects much larger, heavier and harder to find than were caught by the swallows—London Mail.

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WANTED A RAISE.

A Story of Marshall Field and One of His Pensioners.

Among the charities of Marshall Field was a pension list of persons to whom a stated sum was sent regularly each month. With these he was generous, but he disliked being imposed upon. One man, who had in some way impressed Mr. Field with his deserts, had a check each thirty days for \$25. He had gone far from Mr. Field's memory, but remained on the list. His pension made him quite "an eligible party" in the circle in which he lived, and at last he yielded to the blandishments of his landlady, an elderly, prosperous widow, and married her.

"Now, Henry," she said to him next day, "we'll just be having your pay raised. You can't keep two as easily as you can one. Mr. Field is a rich man, and he will understand that. You go down and tell him you need \$50 a month now."

Away went Henry, and after much argument and persuasion obtained access to the inner office of the great merchant, where he stated his case. Mr. Field became interested at once.

"A widow, eh?" he inquired, smiling. "Did she ask you or you her?"

"Well, sir," stammered Henry. "I guess she did lead up to it."

"How old is she?"

"About forty, sir."

"Did she support herself?"

"Yes, sir. She has a big boarding house. I boarded with her. I do yet, in fact."

"Ah, yes," said Mr. Field. "So you want a raise, do you? Let me see. How much was your pension? Twenty-five dollars? Well, you won't have to pay any board now, so suppose we make it twelve and a half? That will keep you in spending money."—Youth's Companion.

SENTENCE RHYTHM.

Idiosyncrasies of Writers and Speakers in This Respect.

All experienced writers and speakers manifest a personal peculiarity in the rhythm of their sentences. The writer indicates this by the recurrent lengths of his sentences and the speaker by his interpretation. Most of us are unaware of the fact that we have a normal length of sentences and that we retain this length when possible. Recent investigations have discovered this fact, and the evidence is indisputable. The successive sentences admit of variations, but the average length of sentences of any ordinary author is claimed to be ascertainable from the reading of any 600 lines of his typical work.

In English prose and poetry the thought is of the most importance and the form of expression is but secondary. In chanting and in music the thought is subordinated to the form, and in these forms of expression the rhythm is much more prominent than in prose or poetry. It is aesthetically displeasing to have too much made of rhythm in reading prose and poetry, but the highest manifestations of art is used to express the thought which is not like to have that which is most important subordinated to the less important, but our aesthetic natures crave rhythm, and when the best expression of thought coincides with the production of rhythm we respond at once with enthusiastic approval.—Walter Dill Scott in Talent.

Trading in Your Own Town.

A right that belongs to every citizen is the privilege of spending his earnings in whatever manner and where he wishes as long as he keeps within the law. No one will dispute the farmer's claim that he can send his money to any place that he wishes and buy goods he needs wherever he wants to. But there is an economic side of the question that should not be overlooked, says D. M. Carr in Home Trade Advocate. The resident of a community should be active in furthering the interests of the place he calls home. He is working contrarily to his own good when he sends his money to the distant city for supplies he knows can be secured in his home town. The dollar sent away goes out of circulation and ceases to be a factor in the building up of the community from which it is sent.

How Snakes Move and Climb.

The vertebrae of a snake are fitted together by a kind of ball and socket articulation, which, however, is capable of only lateral or side to side motion. A snake moves by propelling himself on the points of his scales, which, to him, answer the purpose of ribs. A snake does not climb a tree or a bush by coiling around it, as most people who have not investigated the matter believe, but by balancing himself very evenly and holding on with the points and edges of his scales. A snake on a pane of glass or other polished surface where the scales cannot take hold is almost perfectly helpless.

True in Both Cases.

"There are many stars that are never seen," said the astronomer reflectively. "Yes, and there are a lot that never ought to be seen, too," returned the theatrical manager, with some emphasis.

It was two days later before the astrologer finally got it through his head that the theatrical manager was not a plain, everyday idiot.

A Distinction.

"I suppose," said the timid young man, "when you recall what a handsome man your first husband was, you wouldn't consider me for a minute?"

"Oh, yes, I would," replied the widow instantly. "But I wouldn't consider you for a second."

Courtesy goes a long way, but flattery farther.—Schoolmaster.

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